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SUBJ: SECOND TRIAL OF THREE MARUSEIDO MEMBERS

SECOND TRIAL OF MARUSEIDO TRIO WHO ATTACKED CONSULATE LAST NOVEMBER 22  
CONCLUDED WITHOUT INCIDENT. SEVEN MARUSEIDO MEMBERS FROM TOKYO  
ATTENDED TRIAL, BUT, IN CONTRAST TO FIRST TRIAL JANUARY 24 THERE  
WERE NO INCIDENTS OR DEMONSTRATIONS IN COURTROOM, AND GROUP RETURNED  
TO TOKYO SAME AFTERNOON. SOME HANDBILLS DENOUNCING TRIAL WERE PASSED  
OUT IN DOWNTOWN AREA OF FUKUOKA DURING TRIAL.

LOCAL EDITION OF ASAHI SHIMBUN REPORTS IN MORNING EDITION OF  
MARCH 20 THAT AS SEVEN TOKYO MARUSEIDO MEMBERS WERE WAITING TO  
ENTER COURTROOM, PICTURES OF THEM WERE TAKEN BY POLICE. IN

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ADDITION, POLICE CONFISCATED THEIR COATS AND OTHER PERSONAL  
POSSESSIONS. THIS, ACCORDING TO ASAHI, IS THE FIRST TIME THIS  
HAS BEEN DONE IN A LOCAL COURT.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS STRONGLY PROTESTED ACTION, SAYING THAT TAKING  
PICTURES OF GROUP VIOLATED HUMAN RIGHTS, ALSO, COURT CANNOT  
ORDER SEARCH OF SPECTATORS EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASE, AND THIS,  
TOO, IS ILLEGAL HARRASSMENT, THEY SAID.

PRESIDING JUDGE TOKIO MATSUMOTO STOOD BY HIS DECISION, SAYING  
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FIRE BOMBS COULD BE HIDDEN IN COATS. HE ADMITTED TAKING OF

PICTURES INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS, AND WE ASSUME HE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONFISCATE PICTURES. CHIEF OF GUARD SECTION OF FUKUOKA PREFECTURAL POLICE SAID THAT THEY TOOK MARUSEIDO'S POSSESSION BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN ASKED TO DO SO BY JUDGE. HE STRONGLY DEFENDED ACTIONS, SAYING POLICE HAD RIGHT TO TAKE PICTURES WHENEVER THEY SAW FIT, AND, IN VIEW OF MARUSEIDO'S STATED INTENTION OF "LIBERATING" THE ACCUSED, THEY HAD NOT ONLY RIGHT, BUT DUTY, TO TAKE COATS AND OTHER PERSONAL POSSESSION DURING TRIAL. NOT GIVING AN INCH, HE SAID FURTHER HE DIDN'T CARE IF HE AND HIS MEN WERE SUBJECTED TO CRITICISM, HIS RESPONSIBILITY WAS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, AND FACT THAT NOTHING HAD HAPPENED WAS, IN HIS JUDGEMENT,

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FORTUNATE.

NEXT TRIAL IS SET FOR MAY 15, AND WE WILL REPORT FURTHER FOLLOWING THAT SESSION. RICHARDSON

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